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New Hope—D. Cromartie, E. M. Munroe, D. L. Smith.
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Abbottsburg—G. W. Hall, Joe Ellis, J. C. Wright.
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Kitchen Branch—Wash Lloyd, W. C. Brown.
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St. John—F. McMillan, N. McMillan.

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Jerusalem.....	Louis Clark, Council, N. C.
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Kate's Chapel.....	G. Wright, Sand Bluff, N. C.
Abbotsburg.....	J. C. Wright, Abbotsburg, N. C.
Pleasant Hill.....	Paul Hudson, Clarkton, N. C.
Sand Hill.....	Louis Sasser, Abbotsburg, N. C.
Bethany.....	A. Powell, Emerson, N. C.
Pilgrim Hill.....	W. J. Purdie, Clarkton, N. C.
Baldwin Brach.....	W. P. Hocut, Elizabethtown, N. C.
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COMMITTEES

On Finance—James McLain, P. Hudson, Jerry Miles.

On Sunday School—J. A. S. Stephens, M. C. Pitman,
S. W. Justice.

On Education—D. B. Mdodana, E. M. Thompson, T. H.
McKoy.

On Obituary—J. E. Brown, G. W. Hall, W. H. Sherfield.

On Orthodox—Geo. W. Atkinson, C. J. Shaw, T. H.
McKoy.

Executive Committee—Geo. W. Hall, W. H. Munroe,
Sipp W. Smith, Geo. Williams, C. J. Shaw, T. H. McKoy,
Paul Hudson.

PROCEEDINGS

The twenty-sixth annual session of the Hammons' Creek Missionary Baptist Association convened with the New Hope Baptist Church Oct. 4th, 1912 at 12 o'clock M. President Geo. Williams called said meeting to order. Praise service was heralded by voluntary music. Hymn 106, sacred hymnal. Prayer by Rev. Geo. Williams. Instructive lesson, 16th chapter St. John. Prayer by Rev. Sipp W. Smith. Music, "Rescue the perishing." Introductory sermon by Rev. E. D. Freeman, text St. John 15:7, "If ye abide in me and my words in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done." He said to abide in God was the duty of mankind; to abide we needed to have His word hid in our hearts; to abide meant to get in and stay there continually. Invocation by Rev. T. H. McKoy. Music "Stand up for Jesus." Collection. Geo. Williams 25c, Sipp W. Smith 25c, D. B. Mdoana 25c, E. D. Freeman 25c, J. C. Wright 25c Wm. Gillispie 25c, T. H. McKoy 25c, Jas. Stephens 25c, W. H. Munroe 25c, R. G. Smith 10c, P. Hudson 10c. Walter Russ 10c. Total \$3.00.

Benediction by Rev. D. B. Mdoana. Recreation until 3 P. M.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 3 o'clock praise service was conducted by Bro. W. K. Cromartie, duration one hour, which resulted in a spiritual feast. This done, the proceedings of the opening session were read and received. Church messengers were enrolled and finance manifested. (See messengers.) A finance committee was appointed. (See committees.) The following brethren were introduced and made welcome: Rev. S. W. Justice of the Union Association said he was sent as a messenger and was truly glad to be with us for the first time in the history of his life and that he was not embarrassed at all and could not be while among Baptists. He said that he wanted to be useful while in our midst. Rev. Peter McMillan, the next to correspond from said association, said he was not a stranger for he visited us annually, hence custom was perfect, in so much that he could not help himself. He said he came for the purpose of doing good. Revs. E. M. Thompson, M. C. Pitman and Willie Williamson from the Lumber River Association spoke in high terms of our work

and said they did not come as critics but as christians and Missionary Baptists to assist in carrying on the work of God and that they would be useful while in our midst if admissible. Rev. J. W. Sasser of the Middle District Association said that he had been meeting us annually for a number of years and was not weary and now he felt as one of us by reason of pastoring in our midst, therefore he was here to build up and not to demolish. Rev. W. H. Sherfield of Kenansville Eastern Association said it gave him great pleasure to be with us, although his first trip, yet he felt as one of us, as a brother born of God to do a certain work. Rev. R. G. Smith of the A. M. E. Zion Church said he did not have any conception of being here to day but felt that it was God-send, because it privileged him to meet with his school-mates and was glad to know that our motto was "Religion and Education." Rev. D. B. Mdoana, principal of Hodges Institute, responded with words of eloquence. He said that he was truly glad of the words that had been spoken by all of the brethren, because they came from Negroes. He put emphasis on the standard complexion that God had imposed upon the Negro race, for we do know that all things work together for good to those that love God. Rev. J. W. Sasser also responded in like manner. A collection was then taken and the following paid 25c each: Y. O. Munroe, Geo. Williams, Sipp W. Smith, T. H. McKoy, E. M. Thompson, J. E. McLain, M. C. Pitman, Jerry Miles, W. H. Shurfield, Willie Williamson, J. S. Stephens, Wm. Gillispie. Total \$3.40. Benediction by Rev. P. McMillan.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION.

At 7 o'clock praise service was opened by Bros. G. W. Hall and W. K. Cromartie. Hymn 512. Scripture lesson, Gen. 4. Prayer by Rev. W. H. Munroe. Hymn "Come holy spirit, heavenly dove." Invocation by Rev. Y. O. Munroe. Music, "Did Christ o'er sinners weep." Prayer by Rev. M. C. Pitman. The Progressive sermon was then introduced by reading the 6th chapter of Esther. Prayer by Rev. J. W. Sasser. Hymn 800. "Go preach my gospel." Rev. C. J. Shaw being absent, Rev. Willie Williamson was selected to preach the Progressive sermon. He used as a text Geneses 22:13, subject "God's providence." He said God protects and vindicates his cause; that if you will serve God fervently he will bring your enemies to your feet. He emphasized on God's providence to lead and to vindicate. Hymn "Jesus my all to heaven is gone." Prayer by Rev. Peter McMil-

lan. Home and foreign missions was liberally discussed by several of the brethren, which proved an auxiliary to the cause. Music, "This is my story." Collection: Jas. McLain 50c, A. Robeson 25, E. D. Freeman 25c, J. C. Wright 25c, Geo. W. Hall 25c, John Sloan Jr., 25c, Willie Williamson \$1.00 D. B. Mdodana 30c, S. B. Sloan 50c, Jerry Miles 25c, T. H. McKoy 50c, Sipp W. Smith 50c, W. H. Munroe 25c, E. M. Thompson 25c, — Cromartie 25c, Mary E. Cromartie 25c, Bettie Brown 25c, Hattie Brown 25c, J. W. Sasser 25c, L. P. Cromartie 50c, Jas. Stephens 25c, Wm. Munroe 25c, E. M. Thompson 25c, Mac Pitman 25c, C. H. Carr 25c, Geo. Williams 30c, S. W. Justice 25c, R. G. Smith 50c, Susie Munroe 25c. Total \$10.26. This amount was donated to the girls dormitory at Hodges Institute. Benediction by Rev. C. H. Carr.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

At 9:30 o'clock praise service was conducted by Bro. J. C. Wright. Hymn "Come ye that love the Lord" was sung. Prayer by Rev. Jas. Stephens. Hymn 515. Prayer by Rev. W. K. Cromartie. Music, "There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus. Invocation by Rev. C. H. Carr.

The roll was called and a majority of church messengers responded. The president manifested the meeting in ample order for business. The proceedings of yesterday evening's session were read and approved. The invitation to visitors and correspondents was renewed.

The president delivered his annual address, the same being referred to the committee and subsequently ordered appended to the minutes. Music, "Standing on the promises." The various officers made their reports. (See reports) The various committees were appointed. (See committees.)

The Orthodox committee made their report, which report was accepted and the Mt Gilead Baptist church of Elizabethtown was received, the right hand of fellowship being accorded her messengers.

The subject "What can be said of Hodges Institute and its results," was discussed by the leaders and made a profound impression. Correspondents appointed to the various associations then made their reports, which were very favorable. The following were appointed correspondents to the different associations for 1912: Middle District, Revs. Sipp W. Smith, Y. O. Munroe; Lake Waccamaw, Revs. C. J. Shaw, T. H. McKoy; Lumber River, Revs. Geo. Williams; to Union, Rev. Wm. Gillispie. Collection. The following

paid 25c each : Sipp W. Smith, Y. O. Munroe, L. P. Cromartie, Geo. Williams, W. J. Purdie, Jas. Stephens, Geo. Watkins, C. J. Shaw, J. W. Sasser, N. Blue, J. C. Wright, Sylvia Johnson, J. E. Brown, E. M. Thompson, M. C. Pitman, Wm. Gillispie, Wm. McKay, J. F. Freeman, Mary McLain. Total \$6.10. Benediction by Rev. Geo. W. Atkinson.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION.

Praise service was led by Bros. W. K. Cromartie and J. E. Brown. Hymn 640. Scripture lesson, 1st chapter St. John. Invocation by Rev. G. McKoy. Second hymn, 940. Prayer by Bro. J. E. Brown. Considering the doctrinal discourse which should have been preached at 11 o'clock A. M., the services of Rev. S. W. Justice were secured, hence 7th chapter of St. Mark was read. Prayer by Rev. Peter McMillan. Hymn "Amazing grace" was sung. Rev. Justice used as a text Exodus 3:7-8, subject "Deliverance." He said that God would deliver his people when they cry unto him; that God had come down, but not through the beasts of the field, neither birds of the air, but through his ambassadors. His theme was the doctrine upon which the true church is built. Music, "I am thinking to day." The roll was called and messengers responded. A resolution was read pertaining to an amendment in the second section of the Constitutional law, but said resolution did not pass. The meeting closed. Benediction by Rev. E. M. Thompson.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION.

At 7 o'clock praise service was conducted by Revs. Wm. McKoy and W. K. Cromartie. The roll was then called, a majority being present. It was agreed that the twenty-seventh annual session of the association be held with the Abbotsburg Chapel Baptist Church at Abbotsburg, N. C., in 1913. All officers of the association were re-elected for the ensuing year. The various committees made their reports and were honorably discharged. (See reports.)

All unfinished business was turned over to the Executive Committee. Hymn "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound" was sung. Rev. S. W. Justice introduced Rev. D. B. Mdogana to preach the Educational sermon. Music, "Jesus will guide." Rev. Mdogana used as a text Ex. 14:13-15. His theme was to "Stand and go forth." He said that our leaders have great responsibilities; that in every leader's life he is passing a strait; that God wants an humble people; that God wants an educated people, both temporally and spiritually. His discourse was full of logic. Collection. The

following paid 25c: D. B. Mdodana, Geo. Williams, Y. O. Munroe 50c, Geo. W. Atkinson, S. McKoy, L. P. Cromartie, S. D. Martin, Richard Johnson, Wm. McKoy, Jas. Stephens, C. J. Shaw, John Sloan, T. H. McKoy, E. D. Freeman, J. E. Brown, Betty Brown, S. B. Sloan, Attell Robinson, N. A. Smith, Hattie Sloan, Geo. W. Hall, Lucy McDoagald, — McNeill, J. C. Wright, John Sloan \$1.00, Willie Blackman, Sipp W. Smith, Sylvia Johuson, Lela Sloan, Rebecca Sloan, E. M. Thompson, Jerry Miles, M. C. Pitman, Duncan Cromartie 45c, E. M. Munroe, Fred Freeman, J. A. Davis, W. A. Atkinson, Lucy Munroe. Total \$15.30. Universal praise. Benediction by Rev. W. H. Munroe.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE.

The Sunday-school was opened at 10 o'clock. International lesson was conducted by Mrs. W. O. Mdodana. Collection \$11.11.

The Missionary services were introduced by singing hymn "How sweet the name of Jesus sounds." Scripture lesson, 12th chapter of Proverbs. Invocation by Rev. C. H. Carr. Hymn 800, "Go preach my gospel." Rev. Sipp W. Smith appeared on the rostrum, using for a text Deut. 6:4, "Hear oh Israel the Lord our God, Jehovah one," subject "The Trinity." He said the attributes of God are not separate or seperable from his essence or nature; that the three heads in the Godhead are equal in essence and power; that in the classification of the attributes there has been considerable difference of opinion; that if a man is in possession of the attributes it fills him with wisdom, power and holiness. Heavenly blessings were invoked by Rev. W. H. Sherfield.

Collection: Those who paid \$1.00 each: Geo. Williams, S. D. Martin, A. Cromartie, A. Cromartie, D. Cromartie, Sipp W. Smith, Y. O. Munroe, W. J. Purdie, E. M. Thompson, N. A. Smith, M. C. Pittman, June Robeson, Johnson McNeill, E. D. McLeod, W. H. Munroe, J. C. Dixon 25c, James Lewis 25c, I. H. McKeithan 25c, W. O. Mdodana 25c, N. F. McKoy 25c, Bettie McCall 25c, Geo. W. Hall 25c, E. D. Freeman 25c Geo. W. Atkinson, C. Wright. A good many paid 5 and 10 cents each. Total \$31.68.

The universal praise was then sung. Benediction by Rev. W. H. Sherfield. Thus ended one of the grandest sessions in the hlstory of the association. A vote of thanks was tendered the good people of New Hope vicinity for services rendered. The next session (27th) will be held with the Abbottsburg Chapel Church, Abbottsburg, N. C., October 3rd to 5th, 1913.

REV. GEO. WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT.

REV. SIPP W. SMITH, CLERK.

REPORTS

MISSIONARY.

Mr. President and Members of the Association.

After a careful consideration of the great duty assigned me, I recognize this important task as being a great privilege to report to this august body the bulk of my annual labors. I have done but little along missionary lines this year, as the greater part of my time was spent in pastoring and it still remains the same, therefore I suggest that it would be profitable to select some one else for this great position who could utilize his entire time in the work. I say this as I regard the position as being a great one, and there never was a time in the history of this world when the cause was more needful than now, and as the missionary cannot live on earth and board in heaven, some means must be provided specially for his pecuniary support and that must be done by the body that creates him. I visited the churches as follows : White's Creek, April 7, 1912, wrote them By-Laws, delivered church covenant, received 60c; organized one church at Elizabethtown, known as Mt. Gilead and legally set them apart and took care of them the remainder of the year, raised for them \$21.00, and it was stipulated that said church of five members would unite with this association, therefore I want the power of the association concentrated in said church. Owing to surrounding circumstances I failed to visit any other point. Asking to be favored with some one else to fill said position, I beg to remain

REV. SIPP W. SMITH, ITINERANT.

ON OBITUARY.

We, your committee on Obituary, beg leave to make the following report: After a careful consideration, we are glad to say that no minister or deacon has been removed by death from the field.

Yours respectfully,

W. H. SHERFIELD, GEO. W. HALL,
Y. O. MUNROE.

ON SUNDAY SCHOOL.

We, your committee on Sunday-school, in submitting our report, will say, whereas the Sunday-school is one of the main and important factors of the church we recommend

that both parent and children attend Sunday-school promptly, that is every Sunday during the year if possible, for we believe that by frequent attendance of both adults and children greater good will be felt in the entire community. We further recommend that the pastors urge their people to observe the same in order that greater good may be accomplished for the Master's cause. Sincerely yours,

S. W. JUSTICE, M. C. PITMAN,
JAS. STEPHENS.

ON EDUCATION.

We, your committee on Education, beg to report. As education is the machinery by which the natural world is governed, be it resolved that every effort be maintained by this body to educate our youths, first by preparing their ardent minds in the primary schools and afterwards in Hodges Institute or some other good school that will properly shape their lives for usefulness. Yours for the work,

D. B. MDODANA, T. H. McKoy,
E. M. THOMPSON.

ON ORTHODOX.

We, your committee on Orthodox, would say that Mt. Gilead Baptist Church came before us and we have carefully investigated her orthodox and find them sound in the articles of faith, therefore we recommend said church to membership. Yours with candid respect,

C. J. SHAW, GEO. W. ATKINSON,
T. H. McKoy.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, your Executive Committee, would say that we met once immediately after the association closed, October 1911, and turned over to Trustee Board of Hodges Institute \$161.57. (See treasurer's report.) We also recommended persons to preach sermons in the 27th annual session of the association, viz: Introductory, Rev. C. J. Shaw, assisted by Rev. Wm. Gillispie; Progressive, Revs. W. H. Munroe and W. H. Daniels; Doctrinal, Revs. Sipp W. Smith and M. H. Munroe; Educational, Revs. Geo. Williams and T. H. McKoy; Missionary, Revs. Geo. W. Atkinson and J. F. Freeman.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

In submitting my report will say I have not done very much along corresponding lines this year. I have had 200 programs printed for this session at cost of \$2.25. I beg to remain

Yours,

T. H. McKoy.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

I, your treasurer, beg leave to make the following report: The Board deposited with me at the close of the 25th annual session \$163.83.

DISBURSEMENTS.

For programs \$3.75, to D. B. Mdodana 11.00, to Mrs. W. O. Mdodana 4.00, to F. G. Shipman 4.77, to O. L. Clark 10.85, to Bank of Bladenboro 50.00, to clerk 12.00, to Miss Ella McNeil 1.00, superannuated ministers 5.00, E. and M. convention 8.50, for traveling expenses 6.00, to S. C. Dixon 32.20, programs 2.50, order 4.26, on organ 10.00. On hand 26c.

Yours respectfully,

PAUL HUDSON.

STATISTICS.

Value of Church property: Cheerful Hope \$500.00, Paradise 400.00, Sand Hill 1800.00, Baldwin Branch 500.00, New Hope 1750.00, Pilgrim Hill 600.00, Jerusalem —, Abbottsburg 1500.00, St. John 500.00, Bethany 700.00, Whites Creek 1650.00, Kitchen Branch 750.00, Kates Chapel 1850.00, Shiloh 700.00, Pleasant Hill 1800.00, Mt. Calvary —, Pleasant Union 1800.00, Mt. Gilead —.

SEC. 16. All licentiates applying for ordination must be qualified in spelling, reading, writing, church directory, grammar, history and physiology.

SEC. 17. A faithful record shall be made of the proceedings of each annual session.

SEC. 18. Any minister, deacon or layman who has a knowledge of anything that would mar the spiritual influence of the churches or otherwise is in contrast to gospel order and failing to have the same thoroughly investigated at once shall be excluded. Any church violating this section shall be deposed from this body.

SEC. 19. Any church that allows any of its members to commune in taking the Sacrament or love feast with Pedobaptists will be considered not in gospel order, and if proven guilty of the same shall be dropped from the association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in only one true and living God and that there are three persons in the God-head—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Gen. 1: 25; 2nd Cor. 13: 14.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God and the only rules of faith and practice. 2nd Tim. 3: 16.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal particular election. Acts 13: 48; Romans 8: 28; 2nd Tim. 2: 10; 1st Peter 1: 2; John 6: 34-44.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin. Psalm 54: 5.

5. We believe in the doctrine of man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature of his own free will. Eph. 2: 1-10.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ. Gal. 2: 16; Romans 3: 24.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, converted and sanctified by the Holy Ghost. Eph. 1: 4-7.

8. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and shall never fall finally away. John 10: 28-30; 13: 1; 1st Peter 1: 9.

9. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ, and that the true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that the true mode of Baptism is immersion. Matt. 3: 16; Acts 8: 8; Romans 6: 4; Eph. 4: 12.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment. 1st Cor. 15th chapter; Rev. 20: 11-15.

11. We believe that the punishment of the wicked is everlasting and that the joys of the righteous are eternal. Matt. 25: 6; Rev. 20: 12-15.

12. We believe that ordained ministers or such as have come under the imposition of hands by a regular authorized presbytery only have a right to administer the ordinances. Acts 13: 3; Tim. 4: 14; 2nd Tim. 1: 16.

Sunday School Convention Proceedings.

East Arcadia, N. C., July 27-28, 1912.

The twenty-sixth annual session of the Enterprise Sunday School Convention was held with the Pleasant Union Baptist church at the above named place and time. At 11:30 A. M. the first session was opened. Praise service was conducted by Bros. Geo. Hall and W. C. Brown. Sang No. 543, "Amazing grace." Read 2nd chapter 3rd Peter. After a few songs and prayers, Rev. Geo. Williams, president of the convention, took the chair and declared the house in order for business. The pastor of the church being absent, his welcome address was postponed until later. The president of convention made a few remarks regarding the duties of the delegates, after which the Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. C. J. Shaw, who ascended the rostrum and preached an excellent sermon from Acts 9:6. A collection followed amounting to \$5.50. The congregation was dismissed for refreshments. Benediction by Rev. C. J. Shaw.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

After a nourishing dinner, the convention re-assembled for business. Praise service was conducted by Deacon W. J. Purdie. Sang hymn 394. Several prayers were offered. The roll of schools was called and those present responded:

Baldwin Branch—Misses Mollie Gilispie, Janie Gilispie.
 Abbottsburg—Miss Susie Munroe, Messrs. Alexander Hall, Willie Blackman.

Cheerful Hope—Mr. G. P. Dixon.

New Hope—Misses Mary B. Monroe, Mary Cromartie.

Pilgrim Hill—Miss Matilda Melvin.

Jerusalem—Miss Arena Simpson, Mr. Richard Clark.

Shiloh—Rev. T. H. McKoy.

Pleasant Hill—Miss Carrie E. McNeill, Mr. Roy Newell

Mt. Calvary—Miss M. L. Moore, Mr. L. B. Baldwin.

White's Creek—Misses C. M. Smith, Sarah J. Smith.

Kitchen Branch—Misses Senthia Brown, Annie Jones.

Bethany—Miss Frances Council, Mr. O. G. Burney.

Pleasant Union—Misses Silvia Troy, J. S. Dixon.

St. John, Kate's Chapel, Paradise—Not represented.

The president announced the house in order and ready for business. Misses Carrie E. McNeill and Frances Council were appointed as Finance committee. The subject "The Enterprise Convention and its relation to Hodges Institute"

was fully discussed by Mrs. D. B. Mdoana, who said :

"The heights by great men reached and kept,
Were not attained by sudden flight ;
But they while their companions slept,
Were toiling upward in the night."

We that are here and doing work to help make the convention a success are the ones that are toiling upward while the others are at home slumbering and sleeping. A student of Hodges Institute, Miss Carrie E. McNeill, said : "Hodges Institute has been existing for four years and some of the churches haven't sent one single student as yet. These churches do not know their relation to Hodges Institute.

Miss Mary L. McKoy said : "Hodges Institute has made me what I am. I have lived there and am in a position to know its needs. Miss Mary E. Cromartie made the following statement : "I urge you that are working to work on. It matters not whether you get any praise for it or not. You will get the due praise when you have finished the work. Although at times the way may seem dark and gloomy, work on, ever keeping in mind that 'the darkest part of the night is just before day.' " Prof. D. B. Mdoana, principal of Hodges Normal and Industrial Institute, Clarkton, N. C., said : "I thank God for the man that made out the program of this convention, and selected such subjects that everybody can take a part in, and make the convention an interesting one. I thank God for him." Rev. C. J. Shaw made the following statement : "We all are relation to Hodge's, and it is our duty to hold up Hodge's Institute." The origin of the convention and its development was given by Rev. S. W. Smith. Mr. W. C. Brown said : "I am willing to follow Jesus, and I am willing to follow Mr. and Mrs. Mdoana. If they have come 4,000 miles to help us I am willing to follow them. Any time they knock at my door there is bread on the table and a bed for them to sleep in. I would not boast of it but God fixed it so."

When we get the love of God in our hearts our school rooms and convention rooms will be filled. The schools present then reported. The convention adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock Saturday night. Benediction by Rev. Geo. Williams.

SATURDAY NIGHT.

The convention re-assembled at the appointed hour. Religious service was spiritually conducted by Deacon C. J. Carter. Committees were appointed as follows : On Temperance, Revs. T. H. McKoy, W. H. Munroe, Bro. E. D.

Freeman; On Sunday School, Mr. L. P. Cromartie, Miss Mary B. Munroe, Mrs. D. B. Mdodana; on Location, Misses Mollie Gillispie, S. J. Sasser, Senthia Brown, Sylvia Troy, C. N. Smith, Messrs. A. A. Hall, Roy Newell, Richard Clark, James Purdie, Revs. S. W. Smith, L. B. Baldwin; on Education, Rev. C. J. Shaw, Bro. G. W. Hall, Prof. D. B. Mdodana. (See reports.) The general superintendent of the first district reported nothing done. A motion prevailed that the superintendent be excused for not doing the duty assigned to him. The president of the convention was introduced, after which he delivered his annual address. At his conclusion a motion prevailed that his address be appended to the minutes. The address was responded to by Prof. D. B. Mdodana. The report of the general superintendent of the second district was called for, read, received and adopted. (See reports.) A collection was taken and the following paid 25 cents each: Geo. Williams, L. P. Cromartie, D. B. Mdodana, Simpson, S. W. Smith, J. W. Purdie, J. P. Satter, Carrie McNeill, Roy Newel, C. J. Shaw, T. Brown, J. C. Carter, W. H. Daniel, R. F. Leseral, Thomas Brown, E. D. Freeman, Rev. Sykes. General collection \$5.50. Total \$11.65.

Benediction by Rev. S. W. Smith.

SUNDAY MORNING.

The convention re-assembled at the appointed hour for Sunday-school. Sang No. 9 from the Living Water Hymnal. Prayer was offered by Rev. Sites. Sang No. 110. Rev. Geo. Williams prayed. Sang No. 77. The lesson was taught by Mrs. Mdodana, a former teacher of Hodge's Institute. A collection was then lifted, which amounted to \$5.00.

"Temperance" was the next subject that engaged the attention of the convention. The subject was well discussed by Revs. Geo. Williams, Sites, S. W. Smith, Messrs. L. P. Cromartie and P. D. Devane.

The committees on Constitution, Temperance, Education made their reports, which were received. (See reports.)

A motion prevailed that all the officers be re-elected but the general superintendent and the recording secretary, therefore the officers are as follows: President, Rev. Geo. Williams; Secretary, Miss Mary E. Cromartie; Treasurer, Mr. L. P. Cromartie; General Supt., Rev. W. H. Munroe; Finance Secretary, Mrs. Estelle Eaton; Auditor, Miss Susie Munroe; Corresponding Secretary, Rev. S. W. Smith; Executive Board, Revs. Geo. Williams, Sipp W. Smith, T. H. McKoy, Mr. Fred. Brown; B. Y. P. U. Organizer, Rev. C. J.

Shaw. A motion prevailed that all the business of the convention be turned over to the Executive Board. Sang "Standing on the promises of God," after which followed reading of essays, which was to some the most important part of the convention. There were some excellent subjects, the most of which were beautifully discussed. Among them were the following subjects: Behavior, Truth, Stepping Stones, Influence, Conduct of Life and Something better than Money. Sang "Nearer my God to Thee." Prof. D. B. Mdoana, principal of Hodge's Institute, was then called on and spoke on "Economy." First, what does the word economy mean? It means to spend what you have wisely and not foolishly. Many subjects have been discussed to day and I have gained something from every paper. The pennies you have spent foolishly are your worst enemies. Do not get the idea that because you are poor you must tie yourself to a post and stand there and let the world move on. Economy causes us to have better churches, schools and homes. Sang "I am thinking to day." Prayer was offered by Rev. W. H. Munroe. Rev. S. W. Smith introduced the speaker of the evening, Prof. D. B. Mdoana, giving him a liberal introduction. Prof. Mdoana arose singing "Let Jesus lead you," in which the congregation joined most heartily, after which he read the 4th chapter of James, using the 13th and 14th verses as a text. A collection was then taken. The following paid \$1.00 each: S. W. Smith, Geo. Williams, L. P. Cromartie, D. B. Mdoana, J. W. Sites, J. J. McNeill, W. H. Munroe 50c. The following paid 25 cents: C. J. Shaw, — Simpson, J. C. Carter, C. R. Newell, John Press, O. G. Burney, B. Brown, Mary L. McKoy, Susie Munroe, Sindia Blanks, Charlie Munroe, T. Brown, A. Henny, C. E. McNeill, D. L. Gilispie, Cora Binnaman, Mary E. Cromartie, Ida Dixon, J. D. Brown, Matilda Dixon. D. C. Cromartie, G. W. Hudson, H. C. Dixon, Luther Blanks 50c. Total \$21.10.

Thus ended one of the most profitable and enjoyable sessions of the Enterprise Sunday-school convention ever held in its history, to meet with Sand Hill Baptist Church at Abbottsburg, N. C., Friday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1913.

REV. GEO. WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT.

MISS MARY E. CROMARTIE, SECRETARY.

REPORTS

ON LOCATION.

We, your committee on Location, beg to make the following report: That the next session of the Enterprise Sunday-school Convention will convene with the Sand Hill Baptist Church on Friday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1913.

L. B. BALDWIN,	S. W. SMITH,
W. J. PURDIE,	RICHARD CLARK,
SILVIA TROY,	ROY NEWELL,
J. J. HALL,	SYNTHIA BROWN.
S. J. SASSER,	FRANCES COUNCIL.

ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee on Temperance, beg leave to report as follows: That temperance be urged more and more among our people, especially among the young men; in order that we may have better success in our conventions.

W. H. MUNROE, E. D. FREEMAN,
T. H. McKoy.

REPORT OF GEN'L SUPT. OF SECOND DISTRICT.

Mr. President and members of the Convention.

Would say in submitting my annual report, that I have not traveled as heretofore, but I have a knowledge of the work of my district. The schools in general have been at work. I have done some work along the line of the convention this year. I have distributed a good many bills presenting the plan to raise money for Hodge's Normal and Industrial Institute; also a portion sent to the first district from the association. I am Yours for the work,

C. J. SHAW.

ON EDUCATION.

We, your committee on Education, beg to submit the following report: Education being light and the only means by which the young minds of our boys and girls can be developed for usefulness in life, and also being the fact that the right and proper use of education is life to any person.

Therefore be it resolved, first, that each delegate go home and inform his people that each church has been asked to send one worthy young man or woman to Hodge's Insti-

tute at the opening in October and stay throughout the school term, and that such a church pay \$1.00 on that young man or woman's board. Resolved second, that every pastor be requested to ask his members to raise \$1.00 each month for education in Hodge's Institute and be sent to the treasurer, Bro. L. P. Cromartie. Respectfully,

C. J. SHAW, GEO. HALL,
D. B. MDODANA.

ON SUNDAY SCHOOL.

We, your committee on Sunday-school, beg to report as follows: That the Sunday-school is the cradle and foundation of all churches; that every father and mother should make it their duty to attend Sunday-school every Sunday, taking their children with them. By so doing the Sunday-school will grow up and be the best in the land.

L. P. CROMARTIE. M. B. MUNROE.
W. O. MDODANA.

ON CONSTITUTION.

We, your committee on Constitution, beg leave to make the following report. We recommend that the 6th article of the Constitution be revised thus: The officers of this body shall be a President, Treasurer, Secretary, Auditor, Corresponding Secretary, General Superintendent and Executive Board, which shall be elected annually.

C. J. SHAW, G. W. HALL,
L. P. CROMARTIE.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Mr. President and Members.

In submitting my report would say this has been an exceptional year for the Sunday-school work. Your servant has taken this opportunity in this direction, both in finance, instruction and soliciting aid. As you know, there has been no work done in the first district by visits from the general superintendent, and this has caused extra work on our part, but that I did and did it willingly. I have corresponded with a great many schools, reminding them of their obligations to the convention and I am satisfied that it was effective. I also corresponded with other Sunday-schools of the Northeastern and several others and found them progressing nicely. Therefore, if you want to succeed, Sunday-schools, be not weary in well doing. Let us be encouraged, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not. To do this we must

necessarily put on exhibition our candid respect for the State, Sunday-school and convention to which we owe our allegiance. Thus our body is doing mission work, both at home and abroad. Thus we should assist in carrying these tidings to the heathens across the stormy sea, for the little tots who are to day sitting in the jungles of Africa need the word of God as we. The State Sunday-school Convention meets in Lumberton in August, at which you will be represented. Also it is a lawful requisition for all individual superintendents to visit the convention. Until this is done we cannot hope to do much. I have traveled extensively in the work. I organized one church and Sunday-school at Elizabethtown, N. C., May 12, 1912, which will in the near future become a school of this convention. I close in submitting expenses and programs for the year \$3.00.

Yours for the work,
S. W. SMITH.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Dear Members of this the 26th annual meeting of this Convention.

It is thru the providence of an all-wise Creator that we are blessed to bring our sheaves together once more. I am truly glad that God has favored us greatly; all of the officers are able to meet each other in this our annual meeting. God should be praised. Dear members and co-workers, we are about to finish another page in the volume of history of this convention. In these hours, while having laid aside our ordinary vocations and quietly wended our way to this sacred temple of God, here to give an account of our stewardship, let us continue to seek divine favor for our guidance thru another year. As you know, brethren, that no great undertakings should ever be assumed without our humble submission to an all-wise and proficient God, who is able to give unto us good things that we so greatly stand in need of. Dear members, not only are we making a record on the pages of history, but we are making the pathway for our successors to future and still greater achievements. Our march these twenty-six years have left no broken hearts in its path nor will it be stained with innocent blood. Our object is not war or persecution, but upon our banner proudly waving "Brotherly love, relief and truth." We believe in the doctrine of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. As a science of revealed truth, of unerring laws and rules of equity for the guidance of life and the government of man.

Christianity alone provides the solution of all vexed problems, and furnishes the only cure for all human ills. Members of this convention, it is not more laws and rules that we need, but more of the mind of Christ to work. It will be a step forward if this convention will co-operate with the president of Hodge's Institute in raising the \$5,000.00 needed to carry on the work. This work, brethren, invites the best use of our time, talents and means. Every delay means retard to the work of Hodges Institute. You should learn that we are living in a great age, an age of activity. The Hodge's Institute Journal, an organ of the institute, a monthly journal, published by that learned educator and president of Hodge's Institute, Rev. Mdodana, should find a home in every Negro family in the County of Bladen and even the State of N. C., for the reason that it is the first Negro journal ever published in the County of Bladen.

Dear workers, I feel it my special duty to congratulate you on the splendid loyalty displayed in rallying to our rescue in the noble work we are trying to do for our people. You have gathered here, I trust, fully prepared to represent the work as never before. Let us buckle down to work with renewed courage to increase the efficiency of our great convention, and to raise the requisite means to make permanent the mission we have begun. Though I have in mind the hardships that threaten to dethrone our intention, but if we will only look earnestly to that all-wise Creator, He will give us the desires of our hearts. I have great faith in the the Bible, and of the power of the gospel to improve man's condition temporally and socially. A perfect christianity will give us a perfect world to work in.

Again, your humble servant wishes to recommend for your consideration for the good of the work that each church and Sunday-school in our jurisdiction see to it that one worthy boy or girl be selected from said church or school and sent to Hodge's Institute on the day of opening; also that said church or school pay \$1.00 per month on tuition of said child. Let none say this cannot be done. Do we claim to love God? If so, we should show our love for Him by the work of uplifting our fellowman. Christ has made His followers human instruments to supply human needs. It seems to be God's purpose to use human instrumentality to save the world. Our highest aim in life should be to give our people the bread of life. We must not forget that the duration of our prosperity is dependent wholly upon our faithfulness in executing Christian work for the Master.

Dear friends, the money that is being spent for vain show, the new fashion cut dresses that our girls wear, and those unbecoming suits that our young men wear, could be given to our work, then we would have enough money to educate the greater part of the youth of our race, saying nothing of the money spent for whiskey, tobacco and snuff.

Now, in conclusion, let me say that we should congratulate the civil powers, the press and the pulpit upon the attitude they have taken towards these monster evils of intemperance, and the success achieved in the alleviation of the millions who groan under its burden. I will close by saying that we owe a debt to our State work. Let us not defer paying it. The State Sunday-school Convention meets in Lumberton, and it is out duty to represent.

Yours for the work,

GEORGE WILLIAMS.



SCHOOLS	SUPT. AND ADDRESS	PUPILS	FINANCE
Abbottsburg	J. C. Wright, Abbottsburg, N. C.	22	\$ 6 07
Sand Hill	A. L. Wooten, Clarkton, N. C.	43	6 45
Cheerful Hope	C. Dixon, East Arcadia, N. C.	9	2 35
New Hope	L. P. Cromartie, Clarkton, N. C.	91	25 00
Pilgrim Hill	W. J. Purdie, Clarkton, N. C.	20	2 70
Jerusalem	Lewis Clark, Council, N. C.	8	1 10
Shiloh	M. Lewis, Elizabethtown, N. C.	8	1 40
Pleasant Hill	James Hudson, Clarkton, N. C.	74	15 12
Mt. Calvary	L. B. Baldwin, Emerson, N. C.	9	1 00
White's Creek	P. T. Davis, Clarkton, N. C.	53	15 50
Kitchen Branch	W. C. Brown, Sites, N. C.	15	2 85
St. John	J. R. Ellis, Emerson, N. C.	15	1 75
Bethany	J. C. Carter, East Arcadia, N. C.	13	2 00
Pleasant Union	T. H. McKoy, Elizabethtown, N. C.	17	2 35
Baldwin Branch	W. M. McKoy, Sand Bluff, N. C.	15	2 25
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CONSTITUTION

ART. 1. This convention shall be known as the Enterprise Sunday School Convention.

ART. 2. Its object shall be to establish and improve Baptist Sunday-schools in all churches and destitute neighborhoods throughout the country, and awaken a general interest in religious education by gathering old and young into Sunday-schools.

ART. 3. It shall be composed of life and annual members, delegates and deacons. No one shall be an officer of this body unless at the time of his election he is a member in good standing of a Missionary Baptist Church, and such are life members on payment of \$1.00. No one shall be a delegate to this body unless at the time of his election he is a member of some Baptist Sunday-school.

ART. 4. Each school may be entitled to three delegates.

ART. 5. The annual meeting of this body shall begin on Friday before the fourth Sunday in July at such places as may be chosen.

ART. 6. The officers of this body shall be a president, secretary, auditor, corresponding secretary, treasurer, general superintendent and executive board, who shall be elected annually.

ART. 7. The president shall preside at all meetings of this body. In his absence the superintendent of the school with which the convention meets shall assume his duty.

ART. 8. The secretary shall record all proceedings and incorporate all orders of this body while in session.

ART. 9. The treasurer shall hold all the money belonging to this body and shall disburse the same by order of the executive board.

ART. 10. No minister, deacon or delegate shall be an officer unless he is a subject of a moral and christian character.

ART. 11. No one shall be a delegate to this body unless he can spell, read and write.

ART. 12. All schools belonging to this body shall pay 15 cents annually to defray the expenses of the convention and foster the much needed cause of education.

ART. 13. It shall be the duty of the superintendent and teachers of each school to attend the meetings of this body so as to receive the instructions necessary to the government of their schools.

ART. 14. This constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of this body.

